

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Portsmouth, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

July 20, 2009 to August 7, 2009

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal dredging activity to determine if it is consistent with the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The act seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

DOD/U.S. Coast Guard

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) proposes to conduct maintenance dredging of the Boat Launch area and Small Boat Basin area at the Integrated Support Command Portsmouth. The facility is located on Coast Guard Drive southwest of the confluence of Craney Island Creek and the Elizabeth River. The proposed action would consist of mechanically dredging 0.11 acres within the Boat Launch area to a maximum depth of eight (8) feet below mean water and mechanically dredging 1.21 acres within the Small Boat Basin to a maximum depth of twelve (12) feet below mean water. Up to approximately 8,700 cubic yards of material would be dredged and hauled by barge to the Craney Island Rehandling Basin.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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